Maintenance of IA's aircrafts

† 2100. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has constituted an Auxiliary Engineering Undertaking for the maintenance of the aircrafts; and

(b) if so, the details there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Aeronautics Museum at Safdarjung Airport

2101. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Civil Aviation has any proposal to hand-over Safdarjung Airport to the Urban Development Ministry; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it would be appropriate to create an Aeronautics Museum on this land so that people can be made aware of the history of Air Travels, Flying machines and future possibilities in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Safdarjung Airport, at present, is actively in.use for aviation purposes. WIP and VIP flights including flights of several State Governments like Punjab, Haryana & Uttar Pradesh and helicopters of M/s Pawan Hans Limited are being operated at this airport. Beside, aircrafts of Airports Authority of India (AAI) which are extensively used for calibration of navigational aids of all civil airports of India operate only from this airport. However, Government is considering various options regarding Safdarjung Airport Complex.

Income from privatisation of airports

† 2102. DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to privatise some of the airports of the country;

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